GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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REVISED BDS COURSE
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Dental Council of India (DCI) has increased the course duration of the Bachelor in Dental Science (BDS) Course as per the BDS Course Regulation, 2007;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the impact of such regulation on the career prospects of the dental students who are yet to complete their course;

(c) whether the Government has received any representations against the regulation;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (e) The Dental Council of India BDS Course Regulations 1983 envisage duration of the BDS Course as four years followed by one year rotating internship in the dental colleges i.e. duration of the course is five years, whereas in the Revised BDS Course Regulations 2007, the duration of the course is five years also thereby the internship has been integrated into five years programme itself. Therefore there is no increase in the duration of the BDS Course. The Regulations 2007 have come into effect from 10.9.2007, the date of which these were published in the Gazette of India. The students already undergoing training as per pre-2007 Regulations would be governed by the 1983 Regulations. As such, the Revised Regulations will not impact their career prospects.

A few representations were received for retention of one year compulsory internship after four years instead of integrating the internship in the five year BDS course. The requests were forwarded to the Dental Council of India for taking appropriate action.